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1. An army, of an army group commanded by CH'EN Hsi-lien*, 2 Field Army, which was working on the Chungking-Chengtu Railway, was ordered to Chungking at the end of December for reorganization and rest. Personnel of the Engineering Administration believe this army was ordered into the Chinese Communist Army to reinforce the Korean front and that the army will be led north by CH'EN.
2. Construction of the railway is proceeding unhampered because the vacancy left by the army troops has been filled by 42,000 conscripted civilian laborers.

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* Comment. CH'EN was also mayor of Chungking until his resignation on 25 January 1951.

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